

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on June 24, 2009.

Mayor David W. Cline presided and called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Mayor Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Tim Gover, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Mayor David Cline.

Also physically present were City personnel: Public Works Director David Wortman, Assistant Fire Chief Andy Adair, Police Chief David Griffith, Fire Chief Mike Chism, and City Clerk Susan J. O'Brien.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Gover moved to adopt Special Ordinance 2009-1344, ratifying the appointment of Anthony Nichols to the Fire Chief position, effective October 1, 2009 with an annual salary of \$72,000.

**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1344**

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF
ANTHONY NICHOLS FOR THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF**

WHEREAS, the current Fire Chief, Michael Chism, is set to retire October 1, 2009 and the City wishes to name his successor to ensure an efficient transition; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon enters into employment agreements with member of its managements team; and,

WHEREAS, the City is naming Anthony Nichols as the Mattoon Fire Chief, effective October 1, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, The parties wish to memorialize the terms of Fire Chief Nichols's employment with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, as follows:

Section 1. Anthony Nichols is hereby named as the Mattoon Fire Chief, effective October 1, 2009.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves an Employment Agreement with Anthony Nichols for the position of Fire Chief, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. **This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.**

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval as provided by law.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Gover, adopted this 24th day of June, 2009, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Ervin, Commissioner Gover,
Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Rankin,
Mayor Cline

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): None

Approved this 24th day of June, 2009.

/s/ David W. Cline
David W. Cline, Mayor
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
Susan J. O'Brien, City Clerk

/s/ J. Preston Owen
J. Preston Owen, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on June 25, 2009.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for Council comments. Commissioner Hall reviewed the interview process and his confidence in Anthony Nichols. Captain Nichols stated he was looking forward to the challenge.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Tim Gover, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Mayor David Cline.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to adopt Council Decision Request 2009-980, approving the promotions of Denny Kingery, Doug Dotson, and Mitch Strader to Shift Captains in the Fire Department effective June 25, 2009.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for Council comments. Commissioner Hall noted the new positions provided a team of leaders.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Tim Gover, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Mayor David Cline.

Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner Rankin moved to recess to closed session at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act the purpose of considering the employment, performance or dismissal of employees of the municipality (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1)).

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Tim Gover, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Mayor David Cline.

Council reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Council and City Administrator Search Committee discussed future meetings. Council discussed the next meeting date. Council reviewed interim candidates for in-person interviews on June 30, 2009 or July 1, 2009, depending upon availability of candidates.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Tim Gover, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Mayor David Cline.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk